

APPEAL NO. 040220
FILED MARCH 24, 2004

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on January 5, 2004. The hearing officer determined that the respondent (claimant) sustained a compensable injury on _____, and that the compensable injury extends to include right carpal tunnel syndrome. The appellant (self-insured) appealed, essentially quarreling with the manner in which the hearing officer gave weight to the evidence. The claimant responded, urging affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

We have reviewed the complained-of determinations and find that the hearing officer's determinations are supported by sufficient evidence to be affirmed. The issues of injury and extent of injury presented questions of fact for the hearing officer to resolve. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence. Section 410.165(a); Texas Employers Ins. Ass'n v. Campos, 666 S.W.2d 286 (Tex. App.-Houston [14th Dist.] 1984, no writ). There was conflicting evidence presented on the disputed issues. It was for the hearing officer, as the trier of fact, to resolve the conflicts and inconsistencies in the evidence and to determine what facts had been established. Garza v. Commercial Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey, 508 S.W.2d 701 (Tex. Civ. App.-Amarillo 1974, no writ). Nothing in our review of the record reveals that the hearing officer's determinations regarding injury and extent of injury are so contrary to the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. As such, no sound basis exists for us to reverse those determinations on appeal. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

The hearing officer's decision and order are affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **(a self-insured governmental entity)** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**MANAGER
(ADDRESS)
(CITY), TEXAS (ZIP CODE).**

Daniel R. Barry
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Thomas A. Knapp
Appeals Judge

Robert W. Potts
Appeals Judge